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WHILE HE LIVED, HE WAS NINJA. YET HIS TRUE NAME AND ORIGIN WERE NEVER KNOWN.

HE WAS KILLED IN BATTLE BY THE MYSTERIOUS SUB-ZERO, YET HIS SPIRIT LIVES ON SEEKING VENGEANCE.

CALL HIM SCORPION.

AND AS WITH HIS ARACHNID NAMESAKE, YOU SHOULD ALWAYS BE CAREFUL WHEN NEAR HIM.

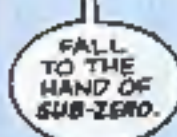
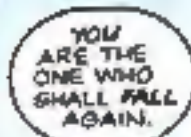
CAREFUL OF THE SCORPION'S BITING.

THE ART OF WAR

MORTAL KOMBAT

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IT IS TRUE THAT YOU COULD SEND MY SOUL TO OBLIVION.

BUT THAT IS A RISK I AM WILLING TO TAKE...

FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DESTROY YOU.

HE IS WILLING TO FREE US...TO PREVENT SOMEONE ELSE FROM KILLING ME.

NO, HYDRO THAT IS NOT THE WAY OF THE LUN KUEI.

THEN WHY NOT LET THIS VERMIN ROT HERE?

WE VANQUISH OUR FOES IN BATTLE.

YOU'D BETTER SHUT YOUR MOUTH, PUNK.

LET US FINISH OUR OTHER ENEMIES NOW.

BEFORE KANO SHUTS IT FOR YOU.

A SHORT TIME LATER...

THANKS, THAT'S MUCH BETTER.

WE MUST FIND A WAY OUT OF HERE.

WAIT, SOMEONE IS COMING!



JOHNNY
CAGE.



HYDRO.



LIU KANG.



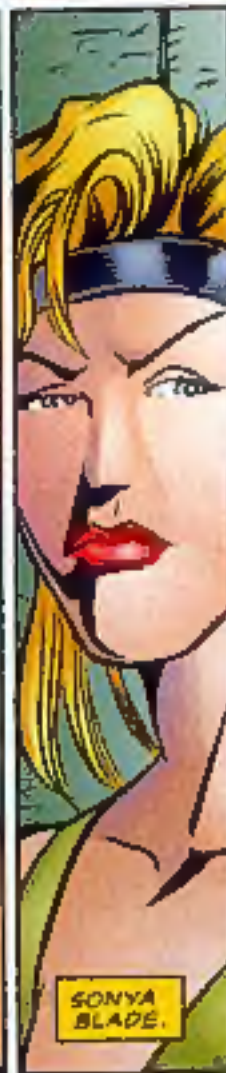
KANO.



SING.



GANG.



SONYA
BLADE.



SUB-ZERO.



AT 8'2" AND 550 LBS.,
HE IS AN ENGINE OF
DESTRUCTION.

HIS TITLE IS THE
PRINCE OF SHOKAN,
BUT HE IS MORE
THAN THAT.

HE IS THE UNDISPUTED
MASTER OF MORTAL
KOMBAT.

BEFORE
YOU LEAVE,
YOU EACH
MUST PAY
A TOLL.

A TOLL
THAT ONLY
GORO CAN
COLLECT.

YOU KNOW,
I'M BEGINNING
TO WISH I'D
STAYED IN
HOLLYWOOD.

THEN WE MUST FIND
A WAY PAST HIM.

THERE'S
ONLY ONE EXIT
-- AND HE'S
BLOCKING
IT.

HEY, I'M
BEHIND YOU.
WAY BEHIND YOU.

MEANWHILE IN SHANG TSUNG'S PRIVATE QUARTERS...

OH, WISE AND BENEVOLENT SHAO KAHN...

...WHAT MAY THIS LOWLY SERVANT DO FOR YOU, MY EMPEROR?

YOU WOULD DO WELL NOT TO WASTE MY TIME, SHANG TSUNG.

I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE POSTPONED THE TOURNAMENT.

"AND I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE FINALLY OPENED THE TAO TE ZHAN."

SO WHEN WILL THE PORTAL BETWEEN OUTWORLD AND EARTH BE OPENED?

THERE HAVE BEEN... COMPLICATIONS, MY LORD.

THEN PRAY THESE "COMPLICATIONS" ARE SOON RESOLVED.

FOR MY PATIENCE, UNLIKE MY POWER, IS SEVERELY LIMITED.

BAH! I
AM WEARY OF
COWERING BEFORE
EMPEROR KAHN.

KRREEESSSHHHH!

SHANG
TSUNG SHOULD
SERVE NO ONE
GAVE HIMSELF.


THE
EMPEROR
WOULD HAVE
ME RESUME THE
TOURNAMENT.

IT IS THE
SUREST METHOD
OF BREACHING
THE PORTAL
TO OUT-
WORLD.

BUT
SHOULD I
SOLVE
THE TAO
TE ZHAN...

SHANG
TSUNG
WOULD
BECOME
ALL-POWERFUL.

PERHAPS
MORE POWERFUL
THAN SHAO KAHN
HIMSELF.



"FIRST I MUST REGAIN
THE BOOK THAT WAS
STOLEN FROM ME."

"THEN I MUST
GIVE SEVEN
ANSWERS TO
SEVEN RIDDLES."

AND IF
THE TAO TE
ZHAN IS ALL
THAT I BELIEVE
IT TO BE...

THEN I
SHALL BE THE
BENEFICIARY OF
A POWER MOST
GREAT.

BACK IN THE
DUNGEON...

SO THE
TRAPPED RATS
ARE FEELING
PLAYFUL...

...THEN
LET THEM
PLAY WITH
GORO.

I DON'T LIKE
THIS THERE'S
NO ROOM TO
FIGHT.


I DON'T
THINK THERE'S
ENOUGH ROOM
ANYWHERE TO
FIGHT HIM.

YOU KNOW, I THINK
I'D LIKE HIM IF HE
WASN'T ABOUT
TO KILL US ALL.

THIS IS
NO JOKING
MATTER, PREPARE
TO DO BATTLE.

THIS IS GOING TO
MAKE A PRETTY
POOR ENDING
FOR MY MOVIE.

THE LIN
KUEI DO NOT
BELIEVE IN
ENDINGS.



WE HAVE WAITED
MANY YEARS FOR
THIS MOMENT,
MONSTER

I AM
SING, AND
THIS IS MY
BROTHER
SANG.

WE
REPRESENT
THE GOALS
AND IDEALS
OF THE ORDER
OF LIGHT

EACH OF
US IS AN
EXTRAORDINARY
FIGHTER IN
HIS OWN
RIGHT

BUT
TOGETHER

TOGETHER
WE ARE SO
MUCH MORE

TOGETHER
WE ARE
SING

THE ORDER
OF LIGHT'S
GREATEST
CHAMPION



YOU ARE
SHOWING
CONSIDERABLE
SPINE,
HUMAN

IT'S A
SHAME THAT
I WILL HAVE
TO BREAK
IT NOW

ONLY ONE
THING WILL BE
BROKEN THIS
DAY, GORO

AND THAT
IS YOUR 500
YEAR VICTORY
STREAK

LOOK
UPON ME
AND FEAR
GORO

UGGGGHHH!



FOR I AM YOUR
WORST NIGHTMARE
PERSONIFIED

THUUMMM



AND WHEN I AM
FINISHED I WILL
I WILL

YOU
ARE
FINISHED
WORM!

KA THIS
S A FIRST
EVEN FOR
GORD.

TO SLAY
ONE MAN AND
LEAVE TWO
CORPSES

KRAAAAKKKK

ARRRGGGHHH!

YET I AM
BEING GENTLE
WITH YOU WORM
I AM ONLY TAKING
YOUR LIFE!

SHANG
TSUNG
WOULD
CONSIDER
YOUR VERY
SOUL


KRUNCCAH

NO YOU
FILTHY BUTCHER
NOT!

SO BE
THANKFUL WORM
BE THANKFUL
THAT
AYYEEEEE

KERPOWEEEEE

YOU DO WELL
AGAINST HUMANS
GORD BUT HOW
WILL YOU FARE
VERSUS A GOD?



FOR NOW
IS THE TIME
OF THE WIND
AND THE RAIN
AND THE
FURY.

NOW IS
THE TIME FOR
THE FINAL
STORM

WHEN EVIL
S VANGUISHED
AND GODS WALK
THE EARTH
ONCE MORE

MEN
CALL ME
RAYDEN.

AND YOU
WOULD DO WELL
NOT TO CROSS
RAYDEN THIS
DAY





DO NOT MISTAKE
RAYDEN FOR ONE OF YOUR
ORDINARY OPPONENTS,
GORO

UMMMPHH
COME
BACK


FOR
THEY ARE
BUT MEN,
AND RAYDEN
IS A GOD.

I SAY
YOU ARE THE
GOD OF
COWARDS.


ELSE YOU
WOULD STAND
AND GRAPPLE
WITH MIGHTY
GORO

IF YOU
WISH TO FACE
THE FULL FURY
OF THE STORM..


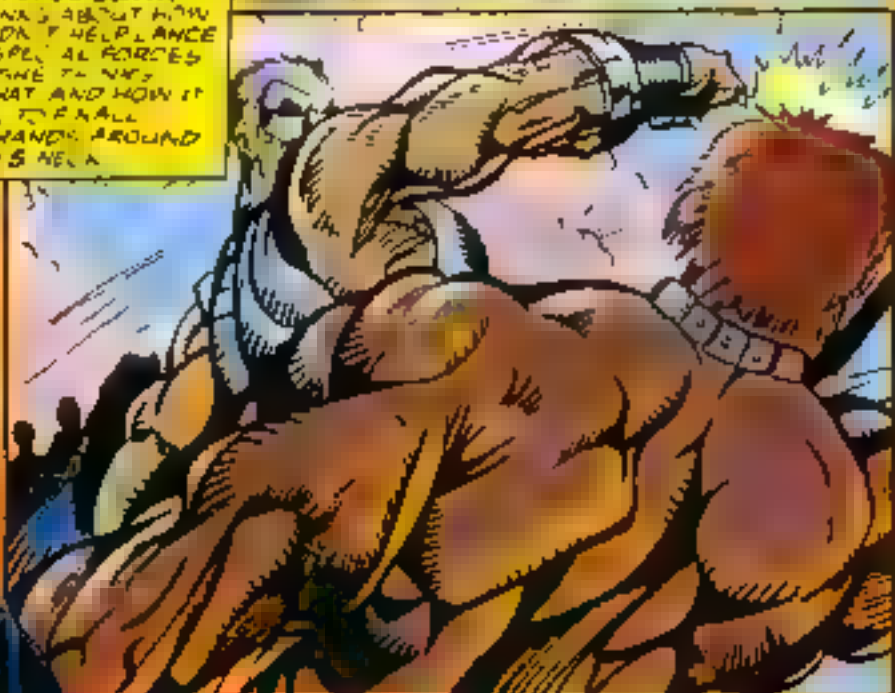
THEN
RAYDEN IS
HAPPY TO
OBLIGE



LIU KANG ISN'T IN WITH
REGRET AS THE BATTLE
RAGES ON IN FRONT OF
HIM HE IS HARDLY ABLE TO
KEEP HIS EYES OFF THE
FALLEN SING AND SANG
AND HE REALIZES THAT HE
IS NOW THE ORDEAL OF
LIGHT'S LAST WIFE



AS SHE WATCHES SONYA
BLADE THINKS ABOUT HOW
SHE WOULD FEEL PLACING
HER SPECIAL FORCES
PARTNER SHE THINKS
ABOUT THAT AND HOW IT
WILL FEEL TO FALL
GET HER HANDS AROUND
KANO'S NECK



AS A NINJA ASSASSIN SUB-
ZERO IS ALERT AT SETTING UP
AN OPPONENT AT FINCH'S
HE'S NEAR SPOT, A THUG
KNEW THE SPECIAL
SCORPION WAS AROUND HIS
DOGS, IT'S NEAR IMPOSSIBLE
TO FIND ONE

JOHNNY CAGE IS THE WORLD'S MOST RENOWNED ACTION STAR, BUT HE WONDERS IF HE SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO HIS PEOPLE AND NOT COME HERE IN THE MOVIES AT LEAST YOU ALWAYS KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A HAPPY ENDING

HE IS THE RIGHT HAND OF THE DREADED BLACK DRAGON ORGANIZATION, BUT KANG WANTS MORE HE WANTS TO KNOW THE SECRETS HIDDEN WITHIN THE BOOK HE STOLE, THE BOOK THAT WOULD MAKE HIM THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL WARRIOR

EVEN AS A GREAT SCORPION KNOWS FEAR HE IS RISKING AN ETERNITY OF OBLIVION FOR AN OPPORTUNITY AT REVENGE IF HE DIES AGAIN HE WILL BE DENIED A PLACE IN HIS CLAN'S ETERNAL VICTORY HALL ONLY A FOOL WOULD NOT FEAR SUCH A PROSPECT



ALMOST
UNANIMOUSLY
A DECISION
IS MADE

THE
THUNDER GOD
DOES NOT
STAND ALONE,
GORO

YEAH,
YOU'LL HAVE TO
TAKE US ALL
ON

NEED TO
BE CAREFUL
LET THE OTHERS
DO THE DIRTY
WORK

AND
LET KANO
WALK AWAY
WITH THE
SPOILS


DON'T
YOU KNOW
THE BAD
GUYS
ALWAYS
LOSE?

THEY
WERE RIGHT
THESE WARRIORS
DO HAVE
POTENTIAL

EIGHT AGAINST ONE? THESE
ODDS HARDLY SEEM FAIR

NOW IF
THERE WERE
TWENTY OF YOU,
PERHAPS I WOULD
BE MORE EQUAL



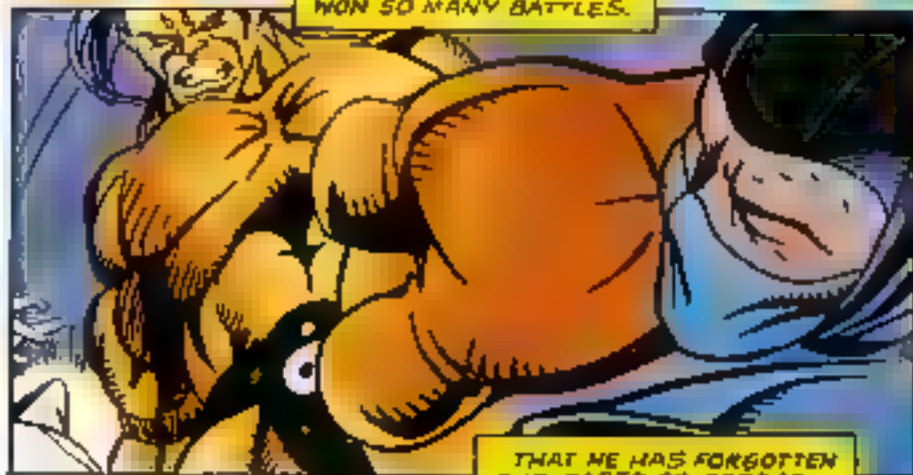


HE COMES FROM
SHOKAN, A SUB-
TERRANEAN PROVINCE
OF THE OUT WORLD

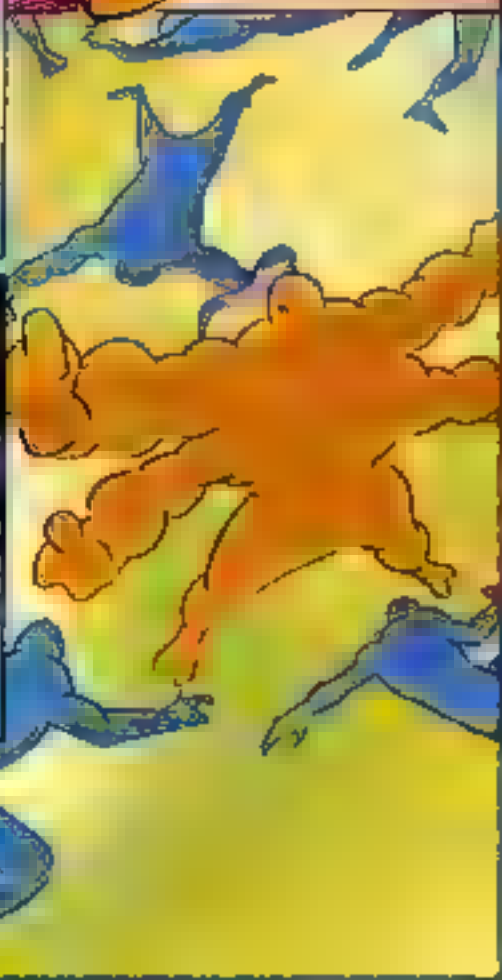
AND
GORO CAN BE
MOST UNPLEASANT
WHEN HE'S
ANGRY

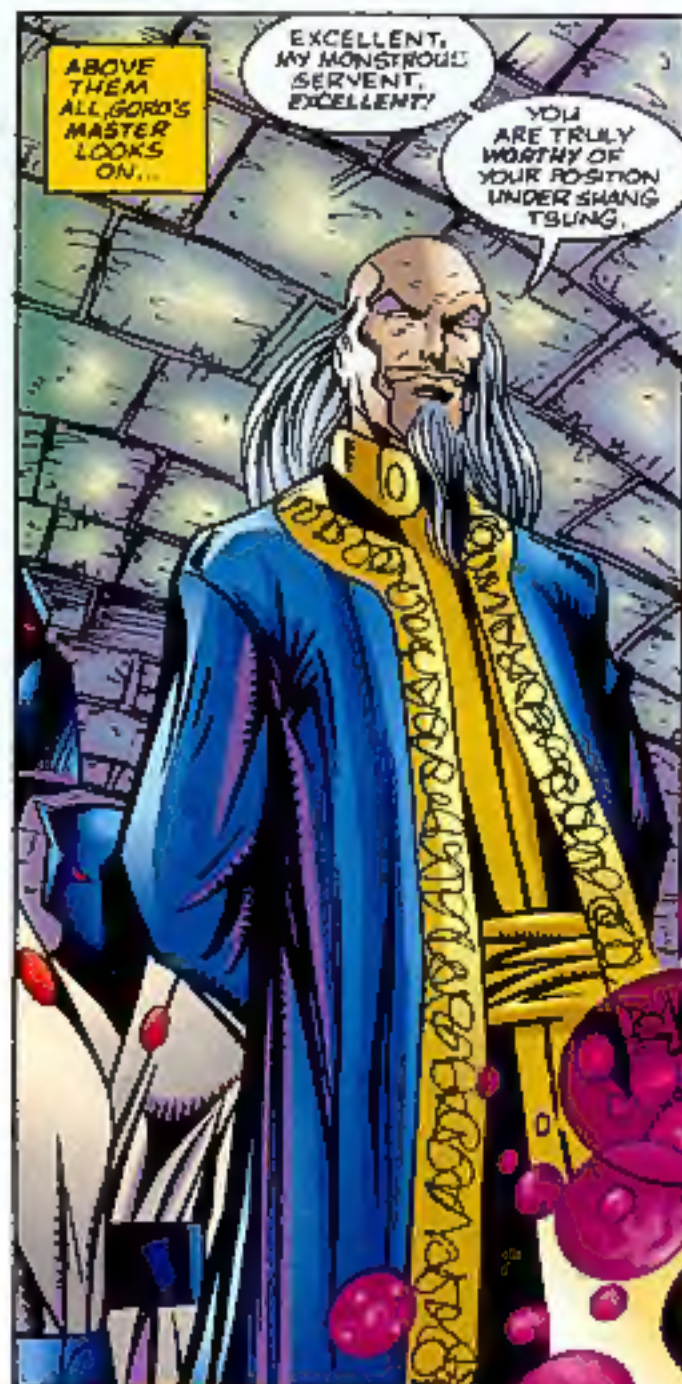


OVER THE AGES, HE HAS
WON SO MANY BATTLES.



THAT HE HAS FORGOTTEN
THE TASTE OF DEFEAT





A HEARTBEAT
LATER...

IT IS A
TRICK, MASTER.
IT MUST BE!

BUT YOU
HAVE NOT HEARD
THE LAST OF
GORD...

THE
GREAT BEAST
HAS VANISHED.
WE MUST MAKE
OUR ESCAPE
NOW.


THE DOOR'S
STILL BLOCKED.
WE MAY BE NO
BETTER OFF.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU,
BUT FOUR ARMS BEING GONE
MAKES ME FEEL A LITTLE BETTER.

IS THIS
YOUR DOING,
THUNDER
GOD?

RAYDEN IS
NOT RESPONSIBLE
FOR YOUR SERVANT'S
ABSENCE, SHANG
TSUNG.

BUT HE
TAKES FULL
CREDIT FOR THE
DESTRUCTION OF
THIS DUNGEON.



GALE FORCE WINDS SWEEP
THE WARRIORS FROM THEIR
FEET AND SEND THEM FLYING
OUT THE GAPING HOLE IN
THE WALL.

THEY KNOW NOT WHERE
THEY ARE GOING OR
WHAT THE DAYS AHEAD
HOLD FOR THEM. STILL,
THE FUTURE DOES NOT
LOOK QUITE SO STORMY.

KNOW
YOU THIS; A
DAY OF RECKONING
IS FAST APPROACH-
ING, SHANG
TSUNG.

SO
SWEARS
THE STORM
WARRIOR.
SO SWEARS
RAYDEN.



I WILL
TRACK YOU
DOWN TO THE
ENDS OF THE
EARTH...

...TO THE ENDS
OF OUTWORLD.
IF THAT IS
NECESSARY,

WITH
OR WITHOUT
GORO, SHANG
TSUNG WILL
MAKE YOU ALL
PAY.

PAY
WITH YOUR
SOULS.

**NEXT ISSUE:
KOMBAT
ZONES**

WHAT HAPPENED TO GORO?
HE'S STARRING IN HIS OWN
3-ISSUE MINI-SERIES -- GORO:
PRINCE OF PAIN -- FROM MALIBU
COMICS. ON SALE NOW. YOU'D
BETTER HURRY OR YOU'LL HAVE
TO FIGHT FOR YOUR COPY.